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SUBJECT: SUDAN REACTION TO FALL OF TAL ZAATAR

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1. GOS BY MEANS OF STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS COMMENTED OFFICIALLY AND PUBLICLY ON RECENT FALL OF TAL ZAATAR PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP. STATEMENT NOTES THAT GOS "CANNOT HELP FEELING REAL DISTRESS FOR BLOODY AND FEARFUL MAFIACRES WHICH... TAL ZAATAR CAMP HAS HEOROICALLY SUSTAINED AND WHICH WILL REMAIN A FRONTAL STIGMA IN ARAB HISTORY". NOTING SUDAN ROLE IN ARAB LEAGUE PEACE-KEEPING EFFORT IN LEBANON, STATEMENT GOES ON TO SAY THAT IT IS DIFFICULT FOR GOS TO BE INDIFFERENT TO SHEDDING OF ARAB BLOOD. FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ENDORSES CALL BY ARAFAT FOR ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND CONCURS IN SAUDI APPEAL FOR MEETING OF ARAB LEADERS.

2. IN ADDITION TO THIS STATEMENT, FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBY DISCUSSED TAL ZAATAR

AUGUST 16 AND WAS CRITICAL OF ATTACKERS AND SYMPATHETIC
TOWARD PALESTINIANS. END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. COMMENT: GOS STATEMENT, WHILE CLEARLY SYMPATHETIC TOWARD
PALESTINIANS, CAREFULLY AVOIDS IDENTIFYING VILLAINS WHICH
PRESUMABLY WOULD INCLUDE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT. GENERALLY,
GOS DUTIFULLY SUPPORTS PALESTINIANS PUBLICLY, BUT AMONG
SUDANESE THERE IS NOT STRONG SUPPORT FOR THEM. IN FACT,
MANY SUDANESE PRIVATELY APPLAUD THOSE IN LEBANON WHO ARE
BATTLING PALESTINIANS THERE. BOGOSIAN

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